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COVER BY

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STUDENT TO MEET WITH SCHOOL BOARD WITH

On the second Wednesday in February there will be a meeting of the Bedford County School Board at the Bedford County School Board Office. This meeting will be attended by a student representative from every elementary school in Bedford County. Our school will be represented by Calvin Thomas. Below we will give a list of the requests from our sixth and seventh graders to the School Board:

- lockers are needed
- Showers
- student's lounge
- drink and snack machines
- better library (more books)
- Walls painted
- Ala Carte food service
- more field trips
- Students plan menus
- art rooms
- more school buses

(reason: people living close to Big Island Elementary School are taken to Counter Ridge first. and buses are too crowded.)

larger changing facilities

need for both hot and cold
Water available always.
Some rooms need more
black boards.

In warm months fans
are needed

better food
more food
larger variety of food
Cleaner and unbent utensils

Lower the outrageous supply prices
(for example 5¢ per pencil).

more intramurals
School annuals
more clocks

Why can't we take aspirins??
Science lab

a 5 or 10 minute break
between some classes

The editors and staff
of the Big Island Vibrations
think our representative has
his hands full. Good luck Calvin

By Dawn Hensley
Nancy Watts

LOST AND FOUND

There will be a lost
and found column in the
paper every week. If you
have lost something or
found something that is
not yours please notify
Kathy Byers or Pam Putney.

TEACHER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mr Orange, one of our
Fifth grade teachers, is leaving
Big Island Elementary
January 25, 1971. He is going
to Lynchburg College to
improve his teaching ability
and get a Teacher's Certificate.
His reason was "more money".
He said he had enjoyed teaching
here these five years. When
asked which was favorite
year he replied, "None, they
were all bad," and then laughed.
He is coming back here to
teach in August or September.
Even though it is that soon a
fine teacher like him will be
missed by not only his pupils
but his fellow workers.

by - Mona
Tomlinson

"DEAR IRIS" NEEDS PROBLEMS

If any one in the school
has school problems or personal
problems write to "Dear Iris"
and you will get your answer in
the Big Island Vibrations.
A box will be placed in Mr.
Gotschalk's room for you to
put your letters in.

you will not have sign
your real name to the letter.

NOTE TO FOURTH AND FIFTH GRAD

If you have any material
for the school newspaper.
Contact your home room
representative.

They are - Cora Wheeler
Miss Foster, Lisa Tomlinson
Mrs. Downey, Dennis Turpin
Mr. Root, Charles Wathke
Mr. Orange.

By - Kathy
Evers

STUDENTS WIN 4-H SPEAKING CONTEST

At the last 4-H meeting we had a public speaking contest in which the 4th 5th 6th and 7th graders participated. The winners were awarded blue ribbons for first place, red for second place, and white for third place. The 4-H members from our school receiving blue ribbons were:

Dudine Goff, Yvonne Spence, Clarence Sanders, Linda Reeves, Charlotte Hatcher, Dawn Hensley, Larry Lipscomb, and Sheila Branch. Those receiving red ribbons were:

Kay Wheeler, Kim Dietl, Lisa Tomlinson, Mitchell Spinner, Janet Arrington, Patricia Coleman, Mona Tomlinson, and Pam Patney. The white ribbon winner was Donald Christain.

The members receiving blue ribbons will have a chance to compete in the County Public Speaking Contest that will be held in the Bedford County court house during the month of February.

The staff of the Big Island Vibrations congratulates these winners.

Aj: Linda Bonner

QUICKIE

Have you the slightest notion what has crossed the ocean?

Answer: Columbus

THE WEDDING BELLS

Recently one of the members of the faculty took a big step that we considered notable enough to make the Big Island Vibrations. This teacher, Mr. Witt, was united in Holy Matrimony. We interviewed him on his recent marriage and were given many interesting facts.

When we asked Mr. Witt if he would still do some things he did in his bachelor life, he answered, "Definitely, I can't leave everything behind." Even though he cannot seem to completely leave his bachelor life, he informed us that he liked his married life better because he could not cook or keep house.

We also asked Mr. Witt if anything went wrong at the wedding or if anything unusual happened. The only information we could get out of him on this was that several unusual things happened which were too personal to mention at the moment.

Mr. Witt and his wife went to Williamsburg on their honeymoon, where we can assume that they acted like "huggy bear and kissy face," as Mr. Witt put it. He assured us that this went on all the time.

By these facts we can tell that Mr. Witt and his wife will have a happy life together. In all seriousness, our staff would like to wish Mr. Witt and his wife every happiness in the future.

BY: Nancy Watts

Dawn Hensley

Basketball Contest

Mr. Orange's 5th grade

Mr. Orange's 5th grade had a contest in Basketball last week. You were given three minutes to shoot the ball and were to see how many goals you could get in this limited amount of time. The winners were: Sharon Okey, Wicky Davis, Donald O'Connor, and Curtis Okey. These people received bubble gum and money.

FAST FLASH

The new teacher has arrived to take Mr. Orange's place. We would like everyone to welcome Miss. Holland with sincere warmth. A feature article will appear on this teacher in the next issue of the Big Island Vibrations.

Menu - January 25-29

Monday - Hamburger on bun, potato puffs, green beans, sliced peaches and milk.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, lima beans, fruit cobbler, corn bread, and milk.

Wednesday - Vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwich, apple sauce and milk.

Thursday - Pork pattie with gravy, green peas, candied yams, yeast biscuits and milk.

Friday - Sloppy Joe on bun, cole slaw, buttered corn, collatin and milk.

Good-bye Mr. Orange

Mr. Witt's seventh grade art class made valentine cards as a good-bye present to Mr. Orange.

WILDLIFE

ESSAY CONTEST

The fifth, sixth, and seventh grades wrote an essay about wildlife's future with the expanding human population. The essays written were to have from 350 to 750 words. It was the 24th annual essay contest which is sponsored by the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League of America.

The prizes are, one \$50.00 award to each grade, one \$25.00 award, three \$15.00 and some \$5.00 awards. Last year Cindy McNeely won a \$5.00 award.

The contest was for the fifth through twelfth grades in any school in Virginia. It was from September eighth, 1970 to January fifteenth, 1971. BY: Pam Putney

SPORTS

The Big Island Basketball team had a practice game Saturday the 16th, with Moneta. We lost by two points, 49 to 47. The high scorer for Big Island was Pete Cook with 14 points. He was followed by Donnie Eggleston with 7 points. We will have a game Tuesday afternoon at the Bedford Armory.

Now I will list the members of the basketball team. They are: Ricky Fitzgerald, Tony Nichols, Calvin Thomas, Pete Cook, Rex Komen, Ricky Nichols, Tim Goff, Donnie Eggleston, Tim Putt, and Robert Parker.

Like the rest of us our coaches, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Gottschalk, are hoping for a winning team.

By: Calvin Thomas

Quickies

- ① You know the moon is like a piece of cheese but what nut is like a sneeze?
- ② What wears black and is always saying I do?
- ③ Be so kind as to answer me: What nut do you find on the shore of the sea?

Answers:
1. The Cashew Nut
2. Groom
3. Beachcomber